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Edwin L. Osika, Jr.
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Re: Richardson Flat Tailings Site

Dear Mr. Osika:

This letter is in regard to your concerns noted in the report entitled "Comments and Observations on the Drilling Activities Performed by EPA's TAT Contractor and Subcontracted Driller During the Period of June 23 Through June 27, 1992" prepared by Pioneer Technical Services, Inc. and dated July 13, 1992, which you sent to us, as well as, your letter of August 12, 1992 forwarding a copy of David Tuesday's August 11, 1992 letter to you commenting on Ecology and Environment, Inc.'s entitled "Report of Drilling Activities, Richardson Flat Tailings Site, Summit County."

Now that time has permitted the review of your concerns, we are attaching a copy of a thorough response by Ecology and Environment, Inc. Based on this report and knowledge of the monitoring well installation, we disagree with many of the irregularities noted in your report and letter. We are, however, continuing to evaluate the integrity of the monitoring wells and should reach a decision in the near future as to their disposition. At that time, a discussion of the monitoring wells, and their fate, will be sent to you.

Again, EPA appreciates your interest in the remediation of the Richardson Flat Tailing Site. If you would like to discuss further any of your concerns, feel free to give us a call.

John R. Giedt, Chief
Emergency Response Branch

Attachment

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